

Table 4. Selected National Average Natural Gas Prices, 1999-2004

(Dollars per Thousand Cubic Feet)

| Year and Month                    | Wellhead Price <sup>a</sup> | City Gate Price   | Consumer Prices    |                   |                         |             |                         | Electric Power Price <sup>c</sup> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                   |                             |                   | Residential Price  | Commercial        |                         | Industrial  |                         |                                   |
|                                   |                             |                   |                    | Price             | % of Total <sup>b</sup> | Price       | % of Total <sup>b</sup> |                                   |
| <b>1999 Annual Average</b> .....  | <b>2.19</b>                 | <b>3.10</b>       | <b>6.69</b>        | <b>5.33</b>       | <b>66.1</b>             | <b>3.12</b> | <b>18.8</b>             | <b>2.62</b>                       |
| <b>2000 Annual Average</b> .....  | <b>3.68</b>                 | <b>4.62</b>       | <b>7.76</b>        | <b>6.59</b>       | <b>63.9</b>             | <b>4.45</b> | <b>19.8</b>             | <b>4.38</b>                       |
| <b>2001 Annual Average</b> .....  | <b>4.00</b>                 | <b>5.72</b>       | <b>9.63</b>        | <b>8.43</b>       | <b>66.0</b>             | <b>5.24</b> | <b>20.8</b>             | <b>4.61</b>                       |
| <b>2002</b>                       |                             |                   |                    |                   |                         |             |                         |                                   |
| January .....                     | 2.50                        | 3.79              | 7.39               | 6.53              | 80.8                    | 4.05        | 20.1                    | 3.10                              |
| February .....                    | 2.19                        | 3.76              | 7.24               | 6.41              | 81.2                    | 3.70        | 20.4                    | 2.86                              |
| March .....                       | 2.40                        | 3.84              | 7.11               | 6.30              | 82.3                    | 3.78        | 20.0                    | 3.37                              |
| April .....                       | 2.94                        | 4.21              | 7.68               | 6.57              | 77.8                    | 3.64        | 26.1                    | 3.80                              |
| May .....                         | 2.94                        | 4.07              | 8.55               | 6.69              | 74.1                    | 4.07        | 23.8                    | 3.78                              |
| June .....                        | 2.96                        | 4.15              | 9.60               | 6.82              | 74.4                    | 3.86        | 25.4                    | 3.61                              |
| July .....                        | 2.92                        | 3.95              | 10.34              | 6.63              | 72.7                    | 3.80        | 23.8                    | 3.49                              |
| August .....                      | 2.76                        | 3.67              | 10.47              | 6.46              | 73.3                    | 3.62        | 22.4                    | 3.42                              |
| September .....                   | 2.97                        | 3.99              | 10.26              | 6.55              | 71.0                    | 3.89        | 22.4                    | 3.71                              |
| October .....                     | 3.24                        | 4.32              | 8.62               | 6.65              | 74.7                    | 4.18        | 21.6                    | 4.19                              |
| November .....                    | 3.59                        | 4.65              | 8.01               | 6.91              | 79.5                    | 4.72        | 21.7                    | 4.35                              |
| December .....                    | 3.96                        | 4.74              | 7.88               | 7.18              | 80.7                    | 4.92        | 23.0                    | 4.72                              |
| <b>Annual Average</b> .....       | <b>2.95</b>                 | <b>4.12</b>       | <b>7.91</b>        | <b>6.64</b>       | <b>78.4</b>             | <b>4.02</b> | <b>22.5</b>             | <b>3.68</b>                       |
| <b>2003</b>                       |                             |                   |                    |                   |                         |             |                         |                                   |
| January .....                     | <sup>E</sup> 4.47           | 5.32              | 8.17               | <sup>R</sup> 7.44 | 79.0                    | 5.54        | 21.1                    | 5.28                              |
| February .....                    | <sup>E</sup> 5.45           | 5.86              | 8.56               | 7.91              | 79.6                    | 6.27        | 22.0                    | 6.44                              |
| March .....                       | <sup>E</sup> 6.69           | <sup>R</sup> 7.62 | <sup>R</sup> 9.73  | 9.05              | 80.2                    | 8.11        | 21.2                    | 7.16                              |
| April .....                       | <sup>E</sup> 4.71           | 5.61              | 10.15              | 8.80              | 76.9                    | 5.89        | 21.2                    | 5.36                              |
| May .....                         | <sup>E</sup> 4.97           | 5.67              | 10.74              | <sup>R</sup> 8.63 | <sup>R</sup> 73.5       | 5.60        | 20.5                    | 5.69                              |
| June .....                        | <sup>E</sup> 5.35           | 6.37              | 12.04              | <sup>R</sup> 8.89 | <sup>R</sup> 72.5       | 6.37        | 20.0                    | 5.97                              |
| July .....                        | <sup>E</sup> 4.91           | 5.82              | 12.70              | 8.69              | <sup>R</sup> 71.2       | 5.63        | 25.7                    | 5.47                              |
| August .....                      | <sup>E</sup> 4.72           | 5.50              | <sup>R</sup> 12.83 | 8.36              | <sup>R</sup> 73.5       | 5.22        | 23.7                    | 5.20                              |
| September .....                   | <sup>E</sup> 4.58           | 5.59              | <sup>R</sup> 12.33 | 8.35              | <sup>R</sup> 72.3       | 5.30        | 23.1                    | 5.12                              |
| October .....                     | <sup>E</sup> 4.43           | 5.30              | 10.69              | 8.28              | 72.2                    | 4.79        | 23.4                    | 5.09                              |
| November .....                    | <sup>E</sup> 4.34           | 5.55              | 9.77               | 8.31              | 77.3                    | 5.16        | 22.3                    | 4.78                              |
| December .....                    | <sup>E</sup> 5.08           | 5.90              | 9.50               | 8.52              | 79.9                    | 5.79        | 23.3                    | 5.45                              |
| <b>Annual Average</b> .....       | <sup>E</sup> <b>4.98</b>    | <b>5.86</b>       | <b>9.62</b>        | <b>8.32</b>       | <b>77.3</b>             | <b>5.79</b> | <b>22.3</b>             | <b>5.55</b>                       |
| <b>2004</b>                       |                             |                   |                    |                   |                         |             |                         |                                   |
| January .....                     | <sup>E</sup> 5.53           | 6.39              | 9.69               | 8.90              | 80.7                    | 6.64        | 22.2                    | 6.38                              |
| February .....                    | <sup>E</sup> 5.15           | 6.34              | 9.85               | 8.97              | 80.7                    | 6.39        | 23.2                    | 5.75                              |
| March .....                       | <sup>E</sup> 4.97           | 6.24              | 9.97               | 8.91              | 78.4                    | 5.86        | 22.4                    | 5.47                              |
| April .....                       | <sup>E</sup> 5.20           | 6.33              | 10.52              | 8.90              | 76.5                    | 5.95        | 23.0                    | 5.76                              |
| May .....                         | <sup>E</sup> 5.63           | 6.48              | 11.60              | 9.06              | 73.1                    | 6.27        | 22.7                    | 5.81                              |
| June .....                        | <sup>E</sup> 5.85           | 6.92              | 13.05              | 9.60              | <sup>R</sup> 71.4       | 6.70        | 24.4                    | 6.52                              |
| July .....                        | <sup>E</sup> 5.60           | <sup>R</sup> 6.69 | 13.43              | 9.52              | <sup>R</sup> 70.9       | 6.24        | 24.6                    | 6.24                              |
| August .....                      | <sup>E</sup> 5.36           | 6.46              | 13.78              | <sup>R</sup> 9.56 | <sup>R</sup> 70.4       | 6.19        | 23.8                    | 6.75                              |
| September .....                   | <sup>E</sup> 4.86           | 6.07              | 13.28              | <sup>R</sup> 9.20 | <sup>R</sup> 70.6       | 5.55        | 22.7                    | NA                                |
| October .....                     | <sup>E</sup> 5.45           | 6.31              | 11.65              | 9.07              | 72.3                    | 5.87        | 22.8                    | NA                                |
| <b>2004 YTD<sup>d</sup></b> ..... | <sup>E</sup> <b>5.36</b>    | <b>6.39</b>       | <b>10.58</b>       | <b>9.05</b>       | <b>76.8</b>             | <b>6.17</b> | <b>23.1</b>             | <b>6.24</b>                       |
| <b>2003 YTD<sup>d</sup></b> ..... | <sup>E</sup> <b>5.03</b>    | <b>5.90</b>       | <b>9.63</b>        | <b>8.29</b>       | <b>76.9</b>             | <b>5.85</b> | <b>22.2</b>             | <b>5.74</b>                       |
| <b>2002 YTD<sup>d</sup></b> ..... | <b>2.78</b>                 | <b>3.94</b>       | <b>7.90</b>        | <b>6.52</b>       | <b>77.9</b>             | <b>3.85</b> | <b>22.6</b>             | <b>3.45</b>                       |

<sup>a</sup> See Appendix A, Explanatory Note 10, for discussion of wellhead prices.

<sup>b</sup> Percentage of total deliveries represented by onsystem sales, see Figure 6. See Table 25 for State data.

<sup>c</sup> The electric power sector comprises electricity-only and combined-heat-and-power plants within the NAICS 22 category whose primary business is to sell electricity, or electricity and heat, to the public. Through 2001, data are for regulated electric utilities only; beginning in 2002, data also include nonregulated members of the electric power sector.

<sup>d</sup> Year-to-date price represents months for which price information is available in the current year. The electric power year-to-date price is 2 month behind the wellhead, city gate, residential, commercial, and industrial year-to-date prices.

<sup>R</sup> Revised Data.

<sup>E</sup> Estimated Data.

<sup>NA</sup> Not Available.

**Notes:** Data for 1999 through 2002 are final. All other data are preliminary unless otherwise indicated. Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

**Sources:** 1999-2002: Energy Information Administration (EIA) *Natural Gas Annual 2002*. January 2003 through current month: EIA-857, "Monthly Report of Natural Gas Purchases and Deliveries to Consumers," Form EIA-910, "Monthly Natural Gas Marketer Survey," Form FERC-423, "Monthly Report of Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants," Form EIA-423, "Monthly Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants Report," and EIA estimates.